<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (Original) A microporous polyolefin film that comprises polyethylene and polypropylene as essential components and is composed of a laminate film of two or more layers, wherein the percentage of polypropylene blended in at least one surface layer of the film is more than 50% by weight and 95% or less and the content of polyethylene in the entire film is 50% or more and 95% or less.
- 2. (Original) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of the laminate film is a polyethylene single layer film.
- (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1
 [[or 2]], wherein the laminate film is made up of three layers.
- 4. (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, 2 [[or]], 3 or 18, wherein each of the layers that make up the laminate film has a three-dimensional network.
- 5. (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, 2 [[or]], 3 or 18, wherein the proportion of the thickness of the layer in which the percentage of propylene blended is more than 50% by weight and 95% or less is 1.5% or more and 35% or less of the entire film thickness.
- 6. (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, 2 [[or]], 3 <u>or 18</u>, wherein the average pore diameter is 0.02 μm or more and 1 μm or less.

- 7. (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, 2 [[or]], 3 or 18, wherein the shutdown temperature at the time of high speed heat-up is lower than 150°C and the short-circuit temperature at the time of high speed heat-up is 190°C or higher.
- 8. (Currently amended) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, 2 [[or]], 3 or 18, wherein the high temperature puncture strength is 0.005 N/µm or more.
- 9. (Original) A lithium-ion battery separator, comprising a microporous polyolefin film that comprises polyethylene and polypropylene as essential components and is composed of a laminate film of two or more layers, wherein the percentage of polypropylene blended in at least one surface layer of the film is more than 50% by weight and 95% or less and the content of polyethylene in the entire film is 50% or more and 95% or less.
- 10. (Original) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, wherein at least one layer of the laminate film is a polyethylene single layer film.
- 11. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9 or 10, wherein the laminate film is made up of three layers.
- 12. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, 10 [[or]], 11 or 19, wherein each of the layers that make up the laminate film has a three-dimensional network.
- 13. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, 10 [[or]], 11 or 19, wherein the proportion of the thickness of the layer in which the percentage of propylene blended is more than 50% by weight and 95% or less is 1.5% or more and 35% or less of the entire film thickness.

- 14. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, 10 [[or]], 11 or 19, wherein the average pore diameter of the microporous polyolefin film is 0.02 µm or more and 1 µm or less.
- 15. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, 10 [[or]], 11 or 19, wherein the shutdown temperature at the time of high speed heat-up is lower than 150°C and the short-circuit temperature at the time of high speed heat-up is 190°C or higher.
- 16. (Currently amended) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, 10 [[or]], 11 or 19, wherein the high temperature puncture strength of the microporous polyolefin film is 0.005 N/µm or more.
- 17. (Original) A lithium-ion battery separator, comprising a microporous polyolefin film whose degree of blackening is 5% or less.
- 18. (New) The microporous polyolefin film according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of the laminate film is a polyethylene single layer film and the laminate film is made up of three layers.
- 19. (New) The lithium-ion battery separator according to claim 9, wherein at least one layer of the laminate film is a polyethylene single layer film and the laminate film is made up of three layers